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To: (C) Section,  
Central Secretariat,  
Zonal Executive Offices,  
Lubbock, 60 HQ COS (EE)  
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Attention Mr. WATKINS

SUBJECT: SCHNEIDER, Josef D.o.B. 15-8-04

Reference telecon WATKINS-MCKINLAY of today's date  
Herewith brief summary of the above-named subject's case.

1. Subject was arrested on 25th May 1945, as a Kriminaldirektor holding the rank of Sturmbannfuhrer and being a member of the Ripo. On his rank of Sturmbannfuhrer he was an automatic arrest Category, being Category I.

2. On an application being received from the Netherlands Authorities for his extradition, necessary clearance was given and he was eventually handed over to the Netherlands Authorities on 7th March 1947.

3. SCHNEIDER was tried in Holland in January of this year, on a charge of alleged War Crimes/ alternatively Crimes against Humanity. On these two alternative charges he was acquitted and returned to Germany on 17th March 1948, under authority of Netherlands Ministry of Justice letter, Bureau Coördinatie No. 23 4844 undated March 1949, and Wrybill No. 3250 issued by this Headquarters on 8th March 1949 at the request of the Netherlands authorities through Allied Liaison French.

4. It is pointed out that the Netherlands authorities broke Control Council Law No. 10, in that they did not return subject to the British Zone if he was not tried within six months of his extradition. It is also brought to your notice that SCHNEIDER was held for one year and six months before being brought to trial, the result of which was his acquittal.

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5. Attached herewith in duplicate, two copies of the Netherland Ministry of Justice letter referred to in Paragraph 3 above.

6. SCHNEIDER on his clearance by No.3 F.S.O.C., on being taken over at VORLOE/STRANEN Rock frontier crossing point, was issued with release document M2/PS/100 RM showing his release in Provisional Category III to the following address:-

WILHELMSEAVEN, Parkstr.20, bei HIEPTER.

On his release document it states

- (a) "to report to the police within seven days of his arrival at release address"
- (b) "he will not leave the British Zone without permission"

These restrictions were imposed as subject is still due for trial under Ordinance No. 69 "Operation OLD LAGE".

(W.F. MORTIMER)  
for Major General  
Chief, Intelligence Division

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